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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral Taylor

In order to assist you in eliminating duplicate items prior to our 10:30 a.m. skull session with the Director tomorrow, here are some comments and possible questions which might be helpful.

- a. In the first place, I assume that there has been either an oral briefing or a document which I have not seen. I say this because I really believe this memorandum is not comprehensive enough for the unwashed, of which I understand there are some.
- b. Page 2 I suggest having some examples of the fourteen USIB standing committees and how they operate, as well as a list of these committees. A brief statement of their functions might be immediately available.

Possible question: How many National Security Council Intelligence Directives are there, and can you give us an example or two of their contents?

I note that the memorandum assumes that intra-community coordination is of secondary interest to the Task Force. I would think that this would be of primary interest.

c. Page 3 - The guidance for covert action is listed at Tab B, but Tab B does not refer to the basic charter under which CIA undertakes covert operations. This, to me, would seem to be important.

I would not have said that I believe it was never intended that the National Security Council be looked to for effective continuing intelligence guidance. I believe this might provoke some questions as to who we think is responsible for this.

- d. Page 4 Possible question: What is a National Security Action Memorandum? How does it differ from a National Security Council Intelligence Directive, and could you give us an example or two of NSAMs which are particularly important to CIA?
- e. Page 6 Possible question: I understand the SIG and IRGs were established in the spring of 1966. How often do these groups meet? Could you give us a specific example or two which would illustrate the manner in which intelligence problems are handled by these groups and the specific assistance or lack thereof rendered to the CIA?
- f. Page 9 Possible question: Could you elaborate on how you would exclude intelligence and covert action activities from the consolidated programs and at the same time ensure that the necessary and appropriate policymaking officials give these activities due consideration in the over-all scheme of things?
- g. Page 12 I subscribe in general to John Clarke's comments, which I have already furnished you, about the lack of adequate information on the DCI's role as the community intelligence coordinator. I would think there might be a good many questions in this area.

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